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SENATOR ROBAK: Actually, Carol, Senator Pirsch, it would be less members because we are making two councils into one. The Mental Health Congress, and the council that we are eliminating will just be one now. So we will probably have less, yeah, and between those two there were 44 members, so we do have less now with one. And for the new members on the body, this is a result of LR 405, and some of the new members do not have that study, and I have several copies here if they want to pick them up. Every senator should have had one at their desk at the end of 1992 Session, because this was an interim study task force. And this LR...291 was one of the final recommendations of that task force.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. The Chair recognizes Senator Robak to close.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I guess I just have to say that the present mental health advisory boards, the federally required Mental Health Congress, and the state required Mental Health Advisory Committee, have only functioned on a once-a-year basis with they don't have very little to show for their work, and I believe that 291 would create a more consumer-sensitive advisory board and it would demand more accountability from our state agencies that are responsible for mental health services. I just urge you to advance this bill to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robak. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 291. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 291.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 291 advances.

CLERK: LB 291A, Madam President, a bill introduced by Senator Robak. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: I move to advance LB 291A to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Do you have any closing?